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FROM NAHCOLITIC OIL SHALE

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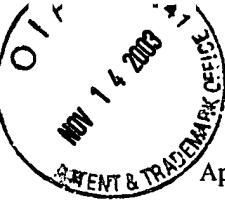
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Please delete the first sentence of the application following the title on page 1 and insert therefore:

"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/480,092, filed January 10, 2000, which claims the benefit of provisional patent application No. 60/115,184, filed January 8, 1999."



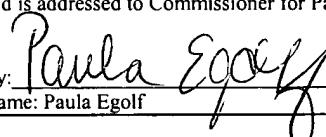
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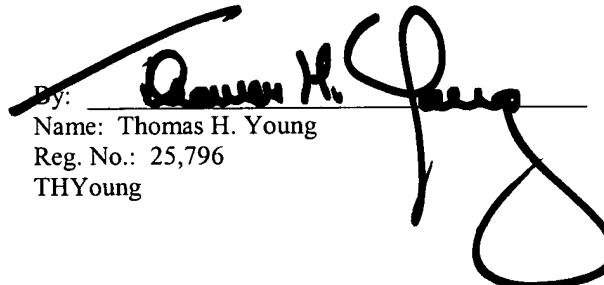
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